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The Riverside Police Department receives grant for Drug Collection Unit

CVS/pharmacy and The Partnership for Drug-Free Kids Help the City of Riverside Combat Drug Abuse and Safer Disposal of Unused Medication

Riverside Ca - The Riverside Police Department has been awarded a grant from CVS/pharmacy to install a Drug Collection Unit. The new unit will be located at the Riverside Police Department's Magnolia Station (10540 Magnolia Avenue Riverside, Ca 92505) and will provide residents with a safe and environmentally responsible way to dispose of unwanted, unused or expired medication, including controlled substances.

The new unit is intended to reduce the amount of unneeded medicine in residents' homes and decrease prescription drug abuse, which has soared in recent years, especially among teenagers. More than 70 percent of teenagers say it is easy to get prescription drugs from their parents' medicine cabinets, according to a 2014 study by the Partnership for Drug-Free Kids.



The new unit will also help the City of Riverside prevent the contamination of local landfills and water supplies from unused medication.

"Safely disposing of unused medication is critical to protecting our children and our environment," said Chief Sergio Diaz. "The Riverside Police Department is proud to partner with CVS/pharmacy and we thank them for their commitment to help residents reduce the amount of unneeded medicine in our community,".

The new Drug Collection Unit represents one of 1,000 units provided across the country by CVS/pharmacy and [The Medicine Abuse Project](#) (MAP), a five-year initiative of the Partnership for Drug-Free Kids. This innovative donation program is the largest retail pharmacy effort of its kind to date and supports MAP's goal to prevent a half million teenagers from abusing prescription medication by the year 2017. CVS/pharmacy is the sole retail pharmacy sponsor of this program, which builds on the company's [Medication Disposal for Safer Communities Program](#).

The Riverside Police Department's new Drug Collection Unit site is open to the public from the hours of 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday through Friday and drugs can be dropped off with no questions asked. Riverside residents and CVS/pharmacy customers can also inquire about the Medication Disposal for Safer Communities Program at the toll free phone number 1-866-559-8830 or visit www.cvs.com/safercommunities.

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YES - Accepted

- Prescriptions
- Prescription Patches
- Prescription Medications
- Prescription Ointments
- Over-the-counter medications
- Vitamins
- Samples
- Medications for pets

STOP

These items are **Not-Accepted** in this collection unit.

THERMOMETERS

NEEDLES (SHARPS)

MEDICATION FROM BUSINESSES OR CLINICS

HYDROGEN PEROXIDE

INHALERS

AEROSOL CANS

OINTMENTS, LOTIONS & LIQUIDS

BIOHAZARD (BIOLOGICAL WASTE)

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